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Sir:

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With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications:

1. United States Serial Number 08/944,850, filed October 6, 1997 and U.S.S.N. 09/287,573, filed April 6, 1999.
2. United States Patent Number 6,023,540, issued February 8, 2000; U.S.S.N. 09/151,877, filed September 11, 1998 and U.S.S.N. 09/450,829, filed November 29, 1999.
3. U.S.S.N. 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/344,526, filed June 24, 19996 and U.S.S.N. 09/748,706, filed December 22, 2000.
4. U.S.S.N. 09/500,555, filed February 9, 2000 and U.S.S.N. 09/636,387, filed August 9, 2000.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

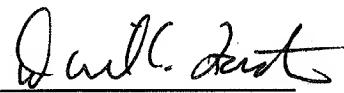
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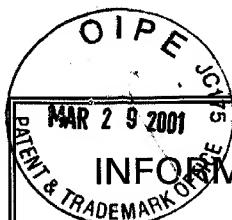
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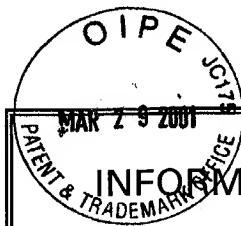
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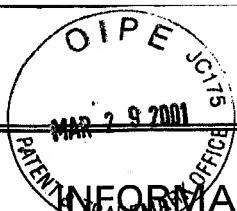
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